

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and prior versions, of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A refrigeration installation having at least one refrigeration consumer, which includes at least one evaporator, having at least one feed line and at least one discharge line, via which a refrigerant or a refrigerant mixture is fed to the at least one refrigeration consumer and discharged from the at least one refrigeration consumer, the at least one refrigeration consumer having expansion members, wherein the expansion members ~~comprise modified~~ being designed as switchable expansion valves and/or ~~modified as switchable~~ linear expansion machines which are switchable between a first working position, in which the refrigerant flowing through the expansion member is expanded and a second moved into a working position during defrosting which allows flow to pass through the valve or machine, respectively, without a significant pressure drop, each said expansion member being connected upstream of the evaporator of each refrigeration consumer in which the pressure drop of the refrigerant flow passing through the expansion member is less than in the first working position, and each said refrigeration consumer being assigned a ~~modified~~ linear compressor ~~which is operated without oil.~~

15. (currently amended) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one refrigeration consumer has a dedicated closed refrigerant or refrigerant mixture cycle,

the refrigerant or refrigerant mixture cycle being operatively connected via at least one liquefier to the at least one feed line and the at least one discharge line, and

the refrigerant or refrigerant mixture cycle in each case having ~~modified~~ expansion valves and/or ~~modified~~ linear expansion machines and modified linear compressors,

the evaporator of said at least one refrigeration consumer in each case being arranged higher than the liquefier of the said at least one refrigeration consumer.

16. (previously presented) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein a plurality of refrigeration consumers are connected to one another and/or to the at least one feed line and the at least one discharge line by means of couplings.

17. (previously presented) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 16, wherein said couplings are quick-fit couplings.

18. (previously presented) The refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein said at least one of the refrigeration consumers is assigned supercoolers as internal heat exchangers.

19. (currently amended) A method for operating the refrigeration installation as claimed in claim 14, comprising assigning at least one refrigeration consumer ~~modified~~ expansion valves and ~~modified~~ linear compressors, and during the defrosting phase of at least one of the refrigeration consumers moving at least one of the ~~modified~~ expansion valves and at least one of the ~~modified~~ linear compressors of the refrigeration consumers which are to be defrosted ~~into a~~ from the first working position into the second working position in which through-flow ~~occurs without a significant pressure change~~ with a lower pressure drop than in the first working position is possible.